



**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BILLINGS AND YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



**TITLE:** Review and Recommendation for 2015-2019 TIP Amendment III  
**DEPARTMENT:** Planning & Community Services Department  
**PRESENTED BY:** Scott Walker, Transportation Planning Coordinator

**INTRODUCTION**

Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) review and update their Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) periodically. Due to additional projects being added to the current 2015- 2019 TIP, the Billings MPO requires an amendment. This amendment will be called the 2015-2019 TIP Amendment III. The projects that have been amended include a number of safety and overlay projects throughout our MPO area and the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South project. These projects are programmed into the MDT project funding and are not funded through local allocations.

The TIP is a short-range program of highway and transit projects in the Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization area and is prepared by Planning Division staff in cooperation with state and local agencies. The basic purpose of the TIP is to provide the mechanism for scheduling federal funds for surface transportation projects, indicate regional priorities, and demonstrate a short range transportation vision for the area. A secondary purpose of the TIP is to provide information about other transportation projects in the urbanized area that are exempt from the TIP approval process such as projects that do not utilize federal funds. This TIP Amendment is being presented to the Commission for review due to a modification of federal funding. Staff has attached a summary sheet identifying the project changes, and the TIP document with changes shown in color. Staff will be available to answer questions at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting.

**2015-2019 TIP AMENDMENT III ADOPTION SCHEDULE**

- The Technical Advisory Committee met the afternoon of April 7<sup>th</sup> to review the 2015-19 TIP Amendment III and is recommending approval.
- The Planning Board reviewed the 2015-19 TIP Amendment III at its regular meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board made their final recommendation of the document April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board of County Commissioners will review and take action on the 2015-19 TIP Amendment III at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and forward its recommendation to the PCC.
- The City Council will review and take action on the 2015-19 TIP Amendment III at its regular meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> and forward its recommendation to the PCC.
- The PCC will to meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> to take final local action on the 2015-19 TIP Amendment III.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners recommend approval of the 2015-19 TIP Amendment III to the Policy Coordination Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. 2015-19 TIP Amendment III
- B. Quick Reference Sheet